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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Provisional agenda, annotations to the provisional agenda and suggestions for the organization of work

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

I. PROVISIONAL AGENDA

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3. Review of the current market situation and outlook

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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Pursuant to the decision adopted by the Second Ad Hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite at its 2nd meeting on 30 April 1993, the Secretary-General of UNCTAD is convening the Third Ad Hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite on 2 and 3 May 1994.

Item 1: Election of officers

The Ad Hoc Review Meeting may wish to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur, in accordance with normal practice. In this event, one position would be held by a producing country and the other by a consuming country. It will be recalled that, at the Second Ad Hoc Review Meeting in April 1993, the Chairman was a representative of a consuming country, and the Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur a representative of a producing country.

Item 2: Adoption of the agenda and organization of work

The provisional agenda in section I was agreed by the Second Ad Hoc Review Meeting on Bauxite (See annex I in TD/B/CN.1/RM/BAUXITE/4). Suggestions concerning the organization of work are contained in section III below.

Item 3: Review of the current market situation and outlook

To assist discussions on this item, two reports prepared by the secretariat are being submitted to the Third Ad Hoc Review Meeting, namely: "Market situation and outlook for bauxite, alumina and aluminium" (TD/B/CN.1/RM/BAUXITE/6), and "Bauxite, alumina and aluminium statistics 1982-1992" (TD/B/CN.1/RM/BAUXITE/8).

Item 4: Review of accuracy and completeness of available statistics on bauxite, alumina and aluminium and posible measures to be taken thereon

To assist discussions on this item, the secretariat is submitting to the Third Ad Hoc Review Meeting a report entitled "Review of the accuracy and completeness of statistics on bauxite, alumina and aluminium" (TD/B/CN.1/RM/BAUXITE/7).

III. SUGGESTIONS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The Review Meeting has two working days available to it from 2 to 3 May 1994. The Secretary-General of UNCTAD, or his representative, will open the Meeting. Following the election of officers and the adoption of the agenda, individual delegations may wish to make general statements. It is suggested that the morning of Monday, 2 May, be allocated for these purposes.

With regard to items 3 and 4 of the agenda, the Meeting may wish to conduct its deliberations in an informal working group. It is suggested that the afternoon of Monday, 2 May, and the morning of Tuesday, 3 May, be devoted to work in such an informal working group. The proceedings of the informal working group would be summarized by the Chairman at the closing plenary meeting on the afternoon of Tuesday, 3 May, when the report of the Meeting is adopted (item 6).